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Subject:

Phone call from Rich Borden - Kennecott issues

Received a phonecall from Rich this afternoon regarding a number of issues he wanted to discuss dealing with Kennecott permitting requirements.

- 1. Rich indicated he would be sending us a map(s) identifying a series of properties that have been cleaned up under CERCLA actions. They will be seeking a release from the original KUCC Bingham Canyon permit. Inspection will be required.
- 2. He stated he was pulling together the balance of their response to the remaining technical comments we had on the Bingham Canyon closure plan that are due February 12th. He may have it to us a few days early.
- 3. He asked if we had had a chance to look over their November 12th response addressing our waste rock concerns (Bingham Closure plan). I told him I believed we were waiting until we received the balance of their technical response package due February 12th, so we could review the entire submittal at once.
- 4. He said he would also be sending us some technical information dealing with an upcoming proposal to bring abandoned cement kiln dust onto the mine for use in treating/neutralizing some of the acidic wasterock dumps. I believe this is tied to a recent EPA request we received for noncompliance information and state regulatory concerns related to the use of the East Side & Dry Fork Canyon Waste Dumps as "repositories" for certain types of hazardous material (i.e., caustic kiln dust,etc.). He will send us specific analytical data on the kiln dust source(s) and the acidic waste rock with their formal proposal.
- 5. He asked what permitting would be required to send currently stockpiled Barneys Canyon Mine low grade gold ore to McFarland and Hullinger's Stansbury Island SI02 site? There it would be crushed and blended with the high grade silica/quartzite flux. Two 100ft X 100ft (asphalt-lined) low grade ore stockpiles would be created at the Stansbury site, blended with the silica fluxing agent, and then railed to the Kennecott smelter to extract the residual gold. I told him both mine permits would likely need to be modified with a permit amendment to deal with these proposed changes.
- 6. I asked him about the status of the demolition and reclamation schedule for the Magna concentrator. He said it was now idled and the cleanup and demo schedule was not finalized yet. He thought this might eventually be tied into the Bingham Canyon closure plan, he wasn't just sure yet.
- 7. I also asked him about rumors I had heard about recent tailings pipeline modifications to deal with the gypsum scaling problems they have been experiencing. Rich stated there were no plans for a 3rd pipeline (as I had heard), but that KUCC has made some modifications/replacements (enlarged diameter and improved clean out access) to the first few sections of the pipeline(s) which will help alleviate their ongoing scaling problems.
- 8. I also asked him to please send us a copy of their reclamation CD that was presented to the Board a couple months ago, for our files.

CC:

Mary Ann Wright